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Timely Tidbits ...

Open Swimming

Open swimming for adults (ages 18 and up) will be offered at Romulus High School's new pool complex beginning November 18. The sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. To participate, all swimmers *must* preregister at the Romulus Community Education office, located at 39000 Superior. Cost for residents is \$3 per session or \$60 for an all-year pass. For information, call 734-532-1953.

Free Holiday Meals

Two local restaurants – Elvis's Place and Romulus House – will be making a difference this Thanksgiving by offering free meals.

Elvis's free dinner – featuring turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and pie – will be served from 12 to 4 p.m. At Romulus House – where all donations (welcomed, but not necessary), including tips, will be given to the Romulus Goodfellows – dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, see the advertisements on pages 2 and 8.

History Program

Mark Camp will speak on the topic "Restoration of Railroad Depot for Passengers and Freight" at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20. Admission is free; the public is welcome.

Benefit at "Willie's"

Wild Willie's Chill & Grill, located at 6221 Middlebelt, is hosting a fund-raiser for cancer victim Valerie Yates and her son, who has Osgood-Schlatter Disease. The event – to be held on Saturday, November 23, beginning at 5 p.m. – will feature performances by Quit Your Life, Systematic Genocide, and Spite of Life, as well as 50/50 raffles and prizes such as a free-piercing gift certificate compliments of Krayola Body Art. Donation is \$5 per person. For more information, call 734-722-5560. □

Barth Elementary Is "Golden" Again



The Barth Elementary School team: (from left) front – Lauren Withey, Lori Lynn Siegenthaler, Gerilyn Kline, and Dorothy West; middle – Kathryn Motyka, Robin Kiser, Amanda Napolitano, Theresa Blizman, Shila Brim, Becky Montroy, Sylvia LaBoda, Diane Zimkiewicz, Barbara Ann Snyder, Barbara Collier, and Susan Mitchell; back – Jeff Legg, Natalie Montague, Sue Eastman, Rob Baty, Lori Russell, Michael Blackburn, Kevin Cook, Scott Jastrzab, Diane Golka, and Karen Richard. (Not pictured: Carol Gursky, Deborah Street, Sheila Stasak, Alicia DeToro, Becky Oz, and Barb Fortune.)

Joel R. Carr, superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools, was proud to announce that Barth Elementary has won a prestigious Michigan Golden Apple Award for the second consecutive year.

"This year, the award comes with a \$10,000 prize versus last year's \$50,000 amount," said Carr, who went on to explain that Governor Engler has reduced the prize this year because of the state's current budgetary constraints.

According to Carr, the Golden Apple Award is given to schools that improve their Michigan Educational Assessment

Program (MEAP) scores in reading, writing, science, and math by a total of 60 or more points over a three-year period. Last year's award was received for 2001's improved scores compared to 1999; this year's comparison was between 2000 and 2002.

Barth principal Diane Golka was elated with the award.

"This shows what can happen when everybody works together as a team," she said.

To illustrate just how effective her team really is, Golka pointed out that Barth also received a Muth Award from

the Middle Cities Education Association last year and won a computer competition sponsored by DTE Energy.

She noted that Barth's staff continues to strive for further improvements, citing, as an example of their efforts, the recent formation of a child study team to identify the school's "at risk" students. The watch/awareness team hopes to help such students by structuring a specific performance program for each individual. The team will then continue to meet during the school year to evaluate and fine-tune the program for optimum results. □

City of Romulus Proud of New Website

After months of being one of the few southeastern Michigan cities without a municipal-government presence on the Internet, the City of Romulus has gone "live" with its new Website. The attractive and informative site is a creative collaboration between Island Connections, Inc., a Web design and hosting company with offices in Gross Ile, Michigan, and the City's director of public relations, Stephen M. Jones.

"Various aspects of the new site are still under construction," Jones explained. "However, we believe that it is dynamic enough to go public with right now."

"Our goal with the new Website is and always has been to provide another level of service to the community and an easy means of accessing useful government information," he added.

The Website provides (or will provide) information on nearly all the City's departments, including the Department of Public Works (DPW), the City Planner's Office and Assessor's Office, the Department of Economic Development, and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Jones foresees the Website becoming more interactive, allowing residents to pay City taxes online, check the status of licensing and building applica-

tions, sign up for classes offered through the Parks and Recreation Department, and much more.

"We will measure the success of this Website by its interactive usefulness to audiences within the community and outside the community," said Jones, who provided content and creative input for the site. He went on to say that, while it is important for the City to offer important information through the Website, it is equally important that the site provide citizens with the means to communicate with their elected officials.

One aspect of the new Website that
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New Owners Promise Good Food, Good Service at Vinnie's



Gloria and Paul Narkun invite you to come in and enjoy the fresh food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere at Vinnie's.

By Rikki Strobos

"We have something special. Because we truly care, we want to meet the needs of *all* of our customers," says Gloria Narkun, the new co-owner (along with her husband Paul) of Vinnie's Real Italian Submarines in Romulus.

This sense of caring, Paul proudly adds, has resulted in a restaurant that features fresh-baked and homemade foods promptly served by friendly staff members. But how, you may wonder, can Paul guarantee that his employees are *always* courteous?

"That's easy," he laughs. "They're all family members."

Indeed, four of the Narkuns' five children currently work at the restaurant. Their three teens – Tiffany Narkun, Brandon Narkun, and Westley Frey – are honor students who also find plenty of time for after-school activities such as hockey, soccer, and hanging out at the neighborhood basketball hoop. The fourth – now a grown woman – works at both Vinnie's and another job to support herself and her two-year-old son, and is also taking college classes in hopes of becoming a veterinarian.

Given the fact that nearly the entire Narkun clan is involved in the business, it's no wonder that Paul and Gloria see Vinnie's as a family-oriented restaurant.

"It's a wholesome place where kids can come after school to grab a snack and play a little checkers," Gloria explains. "In fact, we encourage the kids to bring their parents in to meet us and see what our restaurant is all about. They're always impressed by our pleasant atmosphere of '50s music, antiques, and pictures of our customers."

Adding to the Narkuns' sense of commitment to Romulus is the fact that they also live here. The couple's six-acre spread accommodates their large

family, various pets (and wild animals living on the property), and a *very* busy lifestyle. Besides running their restaurant, the Narkuns own a construction company, maintain rental property in Taylor, home-school their children, and work with an agency called Family Empowerment to help troubled teens. They also somehow manage to pursue several hobbies, including the collection of sports memorabilia (Paul), photography and gardening (Gloria), and antiques (a mutual love).

With so many interests, it's perhaps not really surprising that the couple's employment history features everything from managing a pizzeria, working for a security company, and starting a janitorial business (Paul), to working as a licensed cosmetologist in area salons, directing the lunch program at St. Alfred's Catholic Church, and doing factory work (Gloria).

Vinnie's – located at 6405 Middlebelt Road – is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 734-729-1700. □

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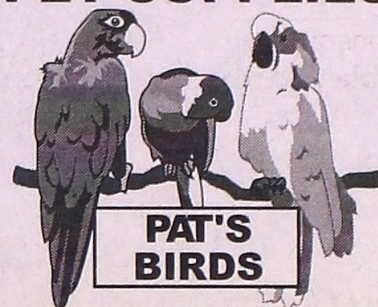
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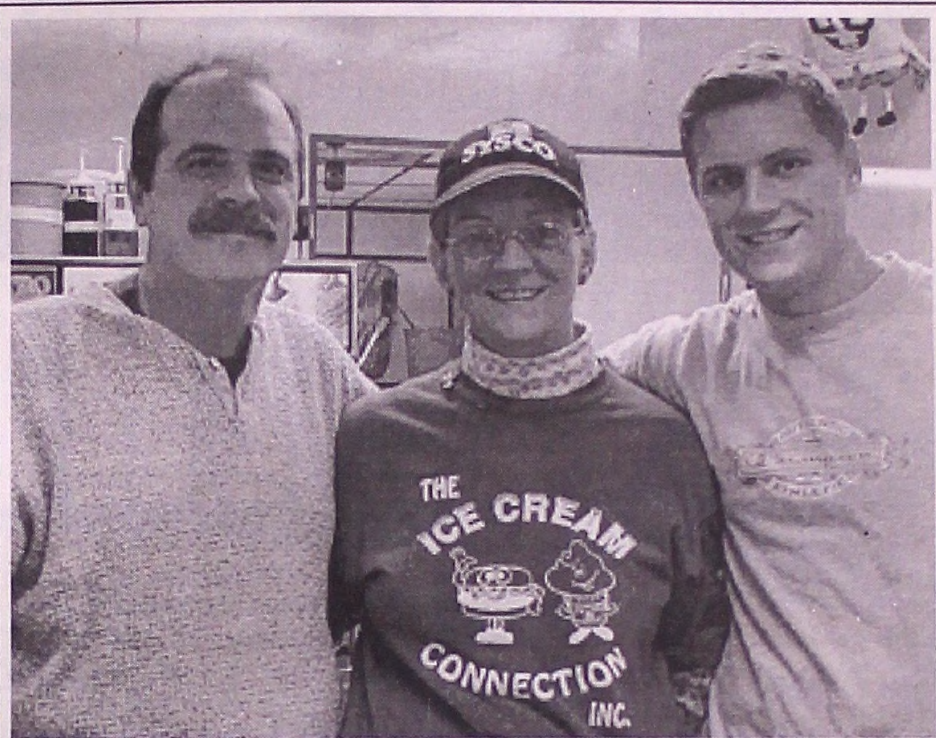
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Return to Summer's Pleasures at the Ice Cream Connection



(From left) Tom, Denise, and Ryan Witherow are the keepers of summer's pleasures at the Ice Cream Connection.

By Rikki Strobos

In Ray Bradbury's *Dandelion Wine*, the family of 12-year-old protagonist Douglas Spaulding has a secret for beating the winter's doldrums. Each summer, they harvest the golden weeds growing on their lawn and run them through an old-fashioned wine press with freshets of pure rainwater. The resulting elixir is then saved until the arrival of frigid weather, when the aches and pains of a flu bug, or even the blues brought on by cabin fever, can be vanquished by the simple act of uncorking a bottle and sipping the distillation of a season long past.

While most of us living in the busy world of the twenty-first century don't have the opportunity to enjoy such simple luxuries, Romulus-area residents have a delicious alternative. They can capture the essence of summer any time they want just by stopping in at the Ice Cream Connection, a local restaurant that features the season's favorite foods,

including hamburgers, hot dogs, and foot-longs, as well as frosty treats such as shakes, malts, and sundaes.

"Quality is our top priority," says Tom Witherow, who co-owns the establishment along with his wife Denise. "That's why we use only certified Angus beef for our burgers, Dearborn sausage, Oscar Mayer hot dogs, and high-quality ice cream from Independent Dairy in Monroe."

The Witherows say that they're committed to customer service — a commitment shared by their son Ryan, who works part-time at the restaurant after school.

"Ryan is a big help to us, and we're very proud of him," says Denise. "He's a hard worker, both in the restaurant and at [Gabriel Richard High] school. He's also a talented trumpet player and excels at football, too."

Although the Ice Cream Connection is the Witherows' first restaurant, Tom and Denise have years of experience in the food-service industry through their employment with the Hilton hotels. The couple's decision to start their business in Wayne was largely based on its proximity to "home." (Both are lifelong Romulus residents.) Their commitment to the community includes support of Romulus Little League baseball and involvement with Boy Scouts of America Troop 872, for which Tom serves as Scoutmaster and Denise acts as Committee Chairperson.

The Ice Cream Connection — located at 5006 South Wayne Road, three blocks north of Van Born — is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 734-641-1329.

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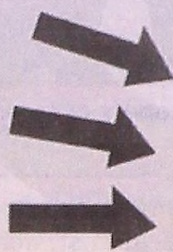
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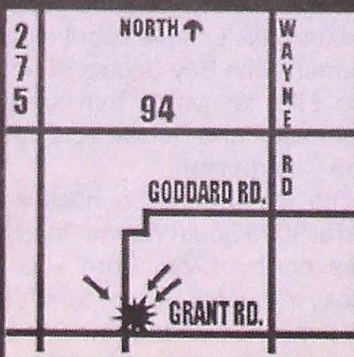


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Court Celebrates Halloween



(From left) Probation Department employee Melinda Shearrer (who came dressed as Marie Antoinette), winner of the costume contest, is pictured with Criminal/Traffic supervisors Dawn Springer (a witch) and JoAnn Brown (a scarecrow), Judge Brian A. Oakley (Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier), court recorder Lisa Pond Wallace (a pajama-clad mommy), and Sharron Russell, clerk for the court administrator (a scarecrow).

Employees of the 34th District Court in Romulus got into the Halloween spirit by donning costumes to mark the holiday. Leading the pack was Judge Brian A. Oakley, who took the bench wearing a buckskin and raccoon hat, Davy Crockett style.

Staff members who dressed for the occasion included Criminal/Traffic supervisors JoAnn Brown, who dressed as a scarecrow, and Dawn Springer, who came attired as an elegant witch.

Others getting into the Halloween spirit included:

- Peggy Zachery, who took to the court range dressed as a cowboy;
- Criminal/Traffic employees Carol Greca, who came as Daphne from the *Scooby-Doo* cartoon, and Virginia Randolph, who wore a "Fugitive" T-shirt;

- Yahmi Nundley, Criminal/Traffic employee, who scored a touchdown wearing a football uniform;
- Sharron Russell, clerk to the court administrator, who came dressed as a scarecrow, complete with birds on top of her hat; and
- Probation Department employee Melinda Shearrer, who completely lost her head (but won the costume contest for the second year in a row) in a Marie Antoinette ensemble.

Oneita Davis, Civil Department supervisor, catered to everyone's sweet tooth by baking a Halloween cake, brownies, and cupcakes for the staff.

The costumes and treats added a festive note to the sober business conducted at the court, but the smiles from various visitors seemed to indicate that the staff's efforts were appreciated. ☐

Halecreek Has Halloween Parade



Mayor Alan R. Lambert and the Romulus Middle School Marching Band were among the special guests at Halecreek's annual Halloween Parade through the adjacent subdivision. Participants in the event included: (from left) front – Lennon Paul, Lyric Harris, Sabrina Easley, Michael Kiesznowski, and Justis Bowie; back – Jessica Randles (student teacher), Sarah Carter (fifth-grade teacher), and Amanda Bowie.

McCraight Will Retire from Romulus Board of Education



Billy McCraight (right), president of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, has submitted his letter of resignation, effective January 10, 2003. McCraight and his wife Leota – pictured here at a ceremony recognizing the former bus driver when she retired from the district in 2001 – hope to travel extensively.

Billy McCraight, the current president of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, has submitted a letter of resignation effective January 10, 2003.

During his 3½ years of service to the district, McCraight has also held the positions of secretary, treasurer, and vice-president, and has been an active member of both the personnel and technology committees, as well.

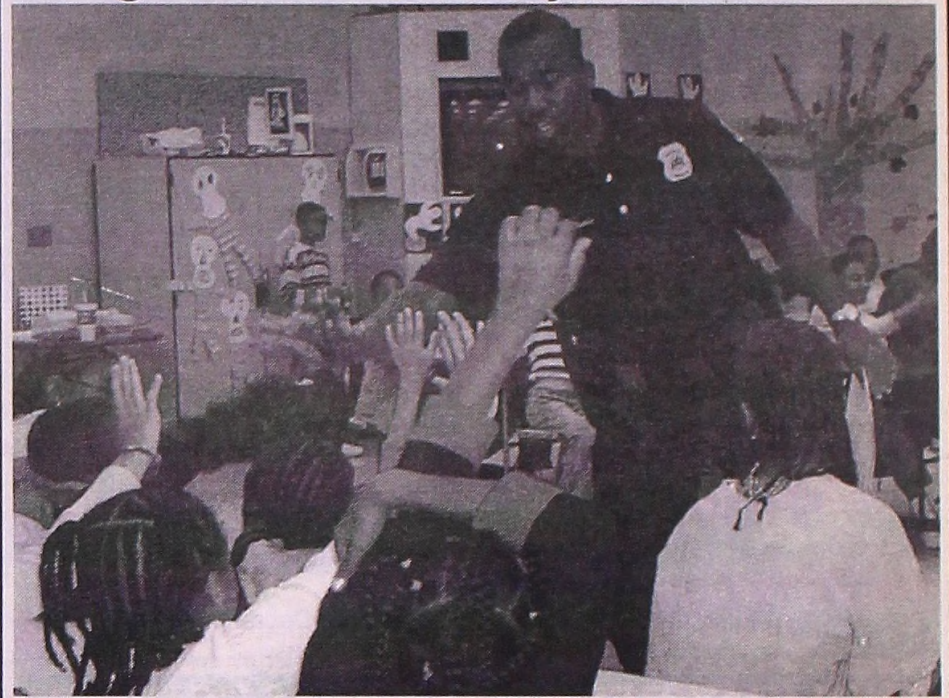
One of the most visible members of the Board, McCraight was often seen attending a variety of district functions such as school programs, concerts, ath-

letic events, recognition ceremonies, and charity events.

Following McCraight's announcement, superintendent Joel R. Carr noted, "Billy was one of our most dedicated Board members who also brought a 'sense of humor' with him to meetings and functions. People really enjoyed working with Billy, and his humor often helped to bring things into perspective."

McCraight and his wife Leota intend to enjoy their new free time together by traveling extensively throughout the southern United States during the winter season. □

"Lights On" at the Boys & Girls Club



Romulus Police Officer Derran Shelby visited the Romulus Boys & Girls Club-Wick Site on October 10 to share safety information as part of the club's nationwide "Lights On" program. The kids gave Shelby a high-five to say thanks for making their club "the positive place for kids."

City of Romulus Proud of New Website

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appears to fly in the face of convention is its domain name; instead of the Romulus Website address ending with the established standard of mi.us.gov, the address ends with .com.

"It's possible, down the line, that we'll change the Web address to the more conventional mi.us.gov," Jones said. "However, at this point in time, we believe that .com is an easier convention for people to remember. Simplifying site access and site navigation should be the initial goal of any municipality desiring a presence on the Internet."

With bold colors, evocative graphics,

and a sleek design, the Website also uses simple animations to bring page headings to life. Jones credits the design and animations to seasoned Island Connections Web designer Margaret Anderson, who created an online framework offering the best of Web design while making page downloads and site navigation as fast as possible, even for older PCs with dial-up connections.

"We're proud to go 'live' with this Website," said Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert. "We hope it proves valuable to residents and to people and businesses outside the community who are considering Romulus for their new home."

The City's new Website address is www.romulusgov.com. □

DoubleTree, Wick Make Sweet Deal



Representatives from the DoubleTree Hotel of Romulus have teamed with Wick Elementary students on a truly sweet philanthropic project in which the students will choose one or more area charities to receive a DoubleTree donation of 2,000 cookies for the holiday season. Pictured here, sampling an advance batch of goodies, are: (from left) front – Avian Mosley and Cierra Gasser; back – Lisa Zeleji (teacher), Theresa Straub (DoubleTree sales manager), Linda Bohlender (housekeeping manager), Flo Silva (food/beverage manager), and Pam Mendon (director of human resources).

RMS Boys' Hoops

7TH & 8TH GRADES

- Romulus at Monroe Cantrick (Tues., Nov. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Thurs., Nov. 21, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Tues., Nov. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Tues., Dec. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe Middle (Tues., Dec. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Monroe Cantrick at Romulus (Tues., Dec. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Tues., Jan. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Thurs., Jan. 9, 3:45 p.m.)

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Music To Our Ears



Both the Middle School (above) and High School choirs sang with excellent diction and projection during new teacher Marva Hopewell-Hatcher's first music program. Hopewell-Hatcher – a Romulus High School alumna who attended Atlanta's Spellman College, where she received the school's most distinguished "Michael Jackson" scholarship – is the daughter of former Romulus teacher/Board of Education member Evelyn Hopewell.



Middle School band director and new Music Department head Mark Fernandez directed the Middle School Symphonic Band at Band-a-Rama. The program, which featured eight district bands, was held in the High School gymnasium.



Hopewell-Hatcher (front; second from right) got ready for her first district performance with some of her top singers: (from left) front – Kim Buckley, Tenisha Williams, and Julie Jayme; back – Jamar Bird, Shelly Yeremian, and Jeremiah Yeager.



"Elementary All-stars" who performed at Band-a-Rama included (from left) Melanie Hines (Romulus School), Casandra Coatsworth (Merriman School), Krystal Burrell (Wick School), Sheila Reeves (Barth School), Arianna Diebel (Halecreek School), and Kristina Mercier (Halecreek).

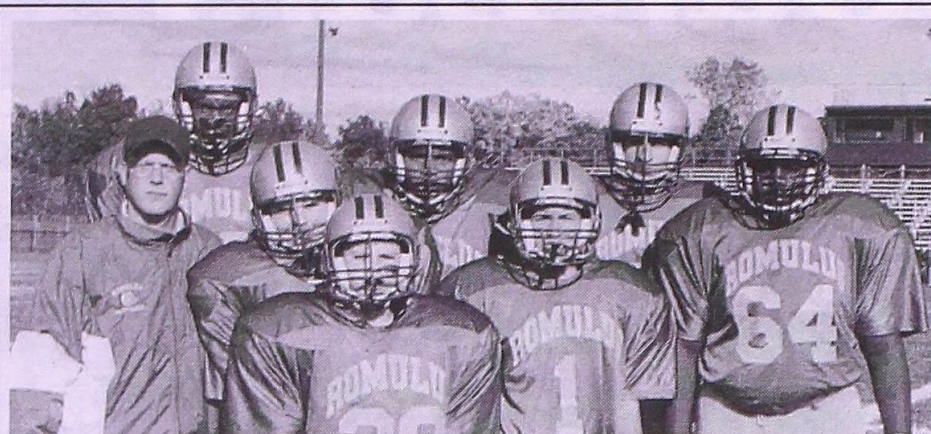


Middle School Choir members who helped get Hopewell-Hatcher off to an excellent start included (from left) Stacy Fabinski, Katie Cousino, Chiara Snook, Shauna Pittman, Christine Celske, Jennifer Johnson, Alisa James, and Carmen Collie.

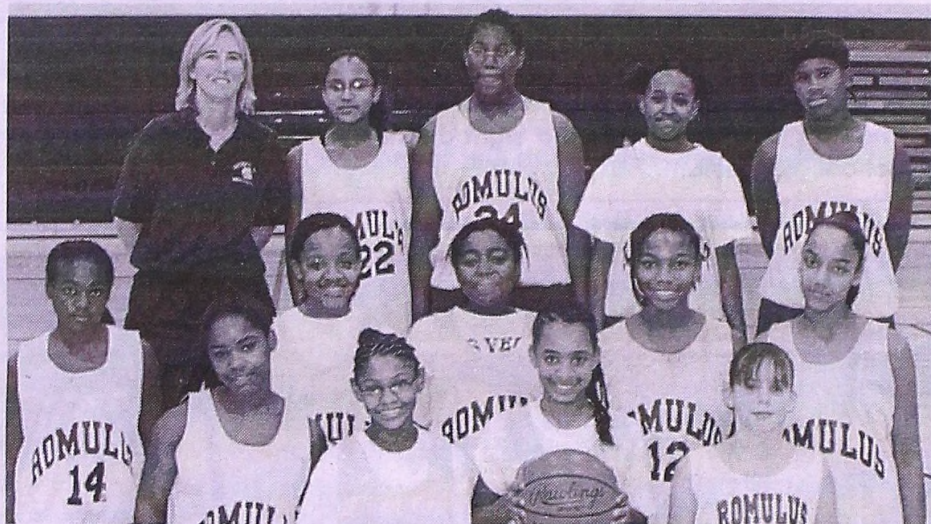


Romulus High School Concert, Symphonic, and Marching Band members preparing for Band-a-Rama included: (from left) front – Neddy Pena and Nicole Liendo; back – Jessica Fox, Scott Blackburn, Kristina Camilleri, and Sara Schultz.

RMS Athletics



The RMS football team, under Coach Thom Patterson (left), finished the season with a 4-2 record. Pictured are: (from left) front – Joe Kiesznowski, Joe Lewis, Eric Smith, and Anthony Johnson; back – Devin Searcy, Joe Baskins, and Andrew Boyd.



Finishing 9-1 (with their only loss coming by just one point) were the RMS seventh-grade Lady Bulldogs: (from left) front – Valencia Mathews, Starnesha White, Brittany Perry, Tiara Grandison, and Ashley Hubbard; middle – Erin Bragg, Tempest Willis, Akara Stovall, and Jasmine Brown; back – Coach Kellee Kubany, Chelsea Earby, Vanessa Rhodes, Anjenette Hood, and Dianne Johnson.



Finishing 10-0 two years in a row was Romulus Middle School's eighth-grade Lady Bulldog basketball team, with most students on the honor roll. Congratulations to: (from left) front – Brittnee Shreve, Brandy McCloud, and Theresa Windom; middle – Antionice Hearst, Alyssa Long, Tiffany Penn, Kenyetta Davis, and Aurielle McCauley; back – Erika Wasson, Tiffany Gray, Ashley Lately, Yette Emanuel, Coach Melissa Plave, Amanda Sharp, Amber White, and Jassmin Parks.

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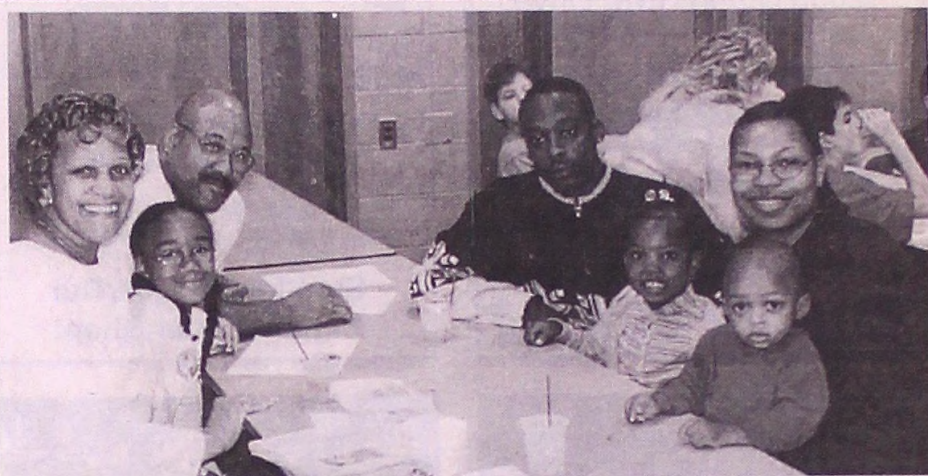
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Among those who enjoyed Cory Elementary's recent Parents Breakfast were (from left) Sandy, Devan, and Darnell Hurst; and Patrick, Dorian, Darrin, and Donna Thompson.

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Also enjoying the Parents Breakfast were (from left) Faith Rhinehart, Bruce Raczynski, and Anne Raczynski.



Additional guests at the Cory Parent Breakfast included (from left): front – Marcus, Sidney, India, and LaShon Foster; back – Misty Lynn Broscoe, grandmother Lucille Sparagowski, and Dennis Ford.

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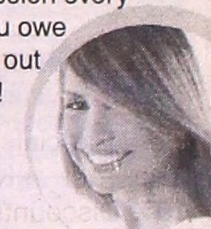
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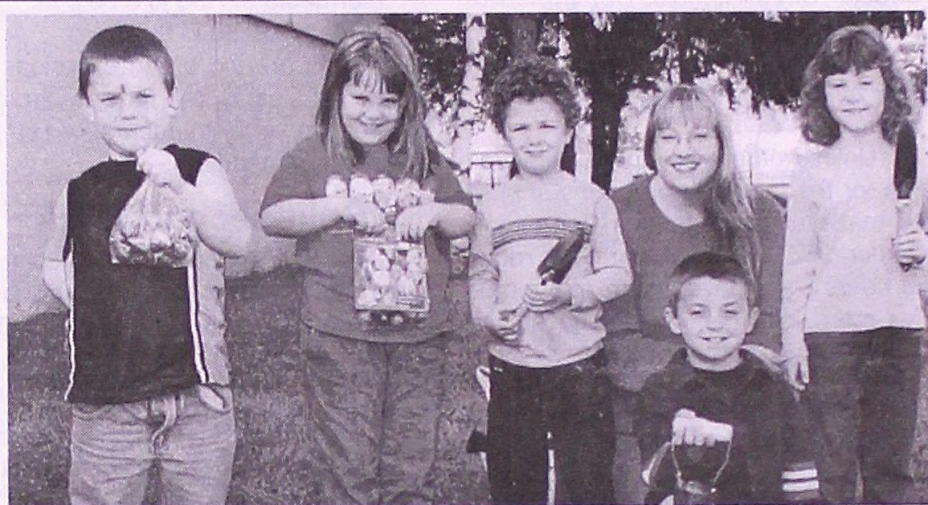
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Around the District



Romulus Elementary parents Kelly Thomas (left) and Nadine Craig work on sorting out the cookie-dough tubs for their playground equipment fund-raiser as preschooler Jordan Craig looks on.



Barth teacher Lori Russell (back) helped students (from left) Jacob Randall, Shianne Wendlap, Sean Wilkerson, Devin Nehila, and Madison Tyree plant tulip bulbs under their new windows to enhance their view next spring.



Skipping outdoor time to read in Wick's After-lunch Reading Club are Tiffany Markovich's first-graders: (from left) front – Andrea Bruno, Bruce Roberts, Kyle Williams, Kalen Smith, Monét Glenn, Tiffany Woolford, and Kendra Curlee; back – Jasmine Ellison, Maya Davis, Mathew Stoian, Nickky Smith, Nancy Burcroff, Megan Dotson, and Micah Hatton.



Knopf Corporation trainer Sara Navarre (back) congratulated Merriman students (from left) Jazmine Bass, Ciara Turner, Robert Caldwell, Valdez Green, and Jimmy Card for graduating with honors from the Peer Mediation program. To show off their new skills, the students gave a demonstration of how they might settle a student dispute in the future.



Among those who attended the Romulus High School Eagles varsity football team's last home game against Taylor Kennedy High School on October 11 were (from left) Carla Broom, Savannah Van Keuren, Lauren Block, and Chris Anderson.



Romulus High School senior Heather Patrick proudly shows off her bandage after participating in a Red Cross blood drive sponsored by health-occupations students. Red Cross volunteer Alice Payne was pleased to announce that more than 80 pints of blood were donated.

Recreation News

Our thanks to Herbert Buckley, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kristin Irwin, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

Volleyball Clinic

The Recreation Department is working with Romulus Community Schools to host a volleyball clinic for seventh- and eighth-grade girls. The program, organized by Romulus Middle School volleyball coach Amy Lusher, will be held in the Middle School gymnasium from 10 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays: November 16, November 23, December 7, December 14, and January 4. The \$35 fee includes a T-shirt, but does not cover transportation.

Floor Hockey

Boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 are invited to sign up for the Recreation Department's after-school floor hockey program, which will be held at Barth, Cory, Halecreek, and Romulus elementary schools from 3:30 to 5 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from November 19 to December 19. A cost of \$10 per child (\$20 per child for those who need a team shirt) includes bus transportation home.

Karate

Ages 7 through adult are invited to sign up for Shinjitsu-Ryu Karate classes, to be held in the Romulus High School wrestling room Mondays and Wednesdays from November 18 to February 5 according to the following schedule:

- beginner: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- intermediate: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- advanced: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

All groups are led by an experienced instructor. Cost is \$45 for one person, \$75 for two family members, or \$90 for three family members.

Split-second Track

The Split-second Track Club features indoor track practices to introduce youngsters (ages 6 to 10) to the fundamentals of running. The group will meet at Romulus High School from 7 to 8 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from November 18 to March 3. Matches will be held in various venues throughout the area. A cost of \$35 for returning members and \$50 for new members covers entry fees for races and team uniforms.

RHS Alumni Basketball

Nate Oats, coach of Romulus High School's varsity boys basketball team, is looking for all former players to participate in an alumni basketball game, which will be held in the High School gymnasium on Tuesday, November 26, at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Oats at 734-532-1170.

Note: Family members, friends, and community members are invited to come out and watch this free event!

"Stained Glass" Mosaic

The Recreation Department invites you to learn how to make your own stained-glass mosaic tile by taking part in a 90-minute class to be held at the Center at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 16. The simple process – which involves placing pieces of glass into a mold and adding grout – is great fun for kids and adults, and yields a beautiful finished product that can be hung to allow light to pass through. Cost is \$20 per student. □

Community Calendar

- **Holiday Craft Show** – The Romulus Progressive Club is inviting the public to attend its first holiday craft show, to be held at Progressive Hall (near Five Points) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, and Sunday, November 17. Admission is free.
- **Mother's Morning Out** – Ball Road Tabernacle invites you to drop off your children (ages 2 to 5) for a program of play time, stories, crafts, and lunch, while you enjoy a morning free to run errands. The service is available at the church (located on the corner of Ecorse and Ball roads, west of Merriman) each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 734-722-9638.
- **Cable Commission Meeting** – The next meeting of the Romulus Cable Commission will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard Road). The meeting will be televised on cable channel 12.
- **SCORE Seminar** – The Service Corp of Retired Executives – widely considered the counselors to America's small business – will join the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to offer a seminar to be moderated by Harold "Speed" Gant, a Van Buren Township resident and certified counselor for SCORE. Randy Brown, a past president of the Belleville Chamber, will also be present to talk about his experiences with the Small Business Development Center in Ypsilanti. Cost for the event – which will be held in the conference room at the Belleville Chamber Office (248 Main Street) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20 – is just \$10 per person. To register, call Janet (734-697-7151) no later than Monday, November 18.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Bluegrass Show** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host the next in their ongoing series of bluegrass shows at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Friday, November 22, from 7 to 11 p.m. Featured artist will be R&L Express. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call 734-782-0132.
- **Thanksgiving Crafts for Youths** – The Romulus Public Library invites children in grades K–5 to sign up for a free Thanksgiving craft class, to be held at the Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) on Saturday, November 23, from 10:30 a.m. until approximately 11:15 a.m. For more information, call 734-942-7589 during the Library's winter business hours (Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Board of Education to Meet at Halecreek Elementary** – In keeping with its decision to take half of its meetings to the community, the Romulus Board of Education will hold its November 25 meeting at Halecreek Elementary School. Among the agenda items will be a presentation on Romulus/Van Buren Adult and Community Education, conducted by Mr. Al Wilkerson and Ms. Sharman Speiser. Start time is 6:30 p.m.
- **Advent by Candlelight** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend its "Advent by Candlelight" program, set for Sunday, December 1, at 5 p.m. The program will feature David Paul Britton, who will present his Ministry of Music Mission and Education as well as music selections from his new Christmas CD. A free-will offering will be taken. (Note: After the Inspirational Service, a Spaghetti Supper – hosted by the Ladies' Aid – will be held in the church basement. Call the church office at 734-753-9048 or Ruth Richert at 734-753-4786 if you plan to attend.)
- **Family Holiday Fest & Tree-lighting** – The Friends of Nankin Mills and the Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation are inviting the public to attend their Family Holiday Fest & Tree-lighting, an old-fashioned celebration to be held at historic Nankin Mills (Westland) on Saturday, December 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. The first hour will feature seasonal crafts and games for children of all ages; the second will be dedicated to a visit from St. Nick himself. The annual tree-lighting ceremony will feature a holiday sing-along. Cost is \$3 for crafts and games (preregistration required). There is no charge to attend Santa's visit or the tree-lighting ceremony. For more information, call the County Parks Department at 734-261-1990.
- **Nursery Has Openings** – Huron Countryside Cooperative Nursery, located in New Boston, has openings available for three- and four-year-old children. For more information, call 734-753-5978.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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Barth Elementary

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Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Aprell Arthur, Jennifer Sylvester.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

Caitlyn Britz.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Brooklyn Isbell, Brianna Shreve, Sheila Watts.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Napolitano

John Lewkowicz, Sheila Reeves.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

Samantha Watson.

HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Christopher Britz, Spencer DeFelice, Steven Doktor, Rodney Halimon, Hallie Laginess, Emily Lewkowicz.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

DaiJanae Byers-Davis, Sarah Freeman, Yancey George, Robert Hayes, Courtney Johnson, Jesse McGrane, Briana McVay, Kelsey Sharrow.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Alexandria Amolsch, Kelly Kovacs, Michael Lovelady, Christopher Reyna, Daijah Street.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Napolitano

Harrison Capron, Megan Harris, Erica Hayes, Breana Keels, Okisha Roberts, Michael Sanden, Brittany Wilkewitz.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

Derek Bennett, Kayla Dizney, Emily Doyle, Kelsey Hadyniak, Chelsea Hay, Cheyenne Oakley, Raymond Reed, Ricky Rutherford, Chelsea Stafford, Erik Washington, MaryAnn Watts.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Samantha Bankey, David Forbush, Shelby Green, Tanesha Hill-Harris, Katie Koester, Ada Martin, Brittany Rodgers, Holly Schonscheck, Jessica Sylvester, Adam Thornsby, Chelsea Tyree, Kanaya Williams, Spencer Winter.

Cory Elementary

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Ms. Watson

Janelle Carter.

Fourth Grade – Ms. D. Pluff

Briana Glenn, Zachary Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Benjamin Hojnowski, Heather Mason, Jonathan Stone.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Destiny Swanigan.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Krystal Wegrzyn.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Cody Barnes, Rodney Cofield, Melissa DuFore, Kaela Torres.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller

Nicholas Curry.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

Jordan Ditsch, Devin Gentner, Edmon Hogan, Kayte Nickel, NaKeya Pinkston, DeAndre Thompson.

Third Grade – Ms. Watson

Chyanne Ballard, Andrianna Barden, Franchella Foreman, Shawnta Hamby, Steven Pratt, Courtney Thomas.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff

Luke Blum, Rayvale Booker, Zachary Curry, Brittany Forbes, Brooke Graham, Cailyn Mines, DaJuan Partee, Bianca Robinson, Dairrein Searcy, Kaessi Torres, Ronald Whitehead.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Kyra Crawford, Valerie Crawford, Veronica Davis, Brittany Glenn, Brittni Hillard, Zoatta Hogan, Courtney Kennedy, Onja'Leese Warren.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Cierra Cohen, Motunrola Emanuel, Ashley Fowler, Ammie Gordon, Caitlynn Lefler, Charlena Mabry, Emmanuel Sanders, Amber Sears, Brooke Tanner.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Mahelia Benjamin, Ciera Franklin, Domonique Holmes, Kierstyn Slatinsky, Nadia Watson.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Michael Allen, Michael Davis, Melissa Groce, Niema Harvey, Alexis Riley, Cicely Shaw, Nicole Siemaszko.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller

Christine Amis, Meriah Chapman, Rodney Dubisky, David Ellis, Abiola Emanuel, Richard Gregory, Justin Hartman, Donnavin Searcy, Loren Townes.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Brennan

Anthony Bowers, Kaylan Carter, Tayla Hall, Luke Hojnowski, Symeria Johnson, Tameria Johnson, Nichole Moran.

First Grade – Ms. Garza

Edward Hillard, Gabrielle Miller, Fleming Peach, DeAnté Ross-Springer.

First Grade – Ms. K. Pluff

Briana Bohannon, Ashleigh Bennett, Makaila Claypool, Sidney Foster, Ian Kerr, LeVell Keys, Josua Megges, Charmaine Thomas, Tiana Thompkins, Katie Wegrzyn.

Second Grade – Mrs. Askew

Brianna Adams, Alizé Butler, Jevon Claypool, Da'Quon Harris, Joseph Marsh, Daijha Williams.

Second Grade – Mrs. McGlynn

Darian Cottle, Megan Davis, Macee Logerstedt, Kimberly Stone, Neelege Watson.

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

Tyrese Clark, Taque Courtland, Na-keem Lightsey, Kayte Nickel, NaKeya Pinkston, Chloe White.

Third Grade – Ms. Watson

Andrianna Barden, Franchella Foreman, Demetrius Holmes, Mark Hughes, Ashley Perry, Azia Riley, Willie Sledge, Andre Stringer, Courtney Thomas, Lukeia Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff

Evelyn Blackmon, Zachary Curry, LaKisha Foreman, Khalil Hamilton, Norman Lightsey, Cailyn Mines, Dairrein Searcy, Derek Sears, Devin Southard, Kaitie VanBuren.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

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Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

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Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

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Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

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Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller

Christine Amis, Mallory Burnette, Meriah Chapman, Nicholas Curry, Richard Gregory, Olivia Miller, Reynard Mullins, Donnavin Searcy, Kanisha Tatum.

Halecreek Elementary

HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade

Corey Arnett-Butscher, Amanda Bowie, Haley Davis, Noell Doane, Tamara Garrison, Tierra Garrison, Sierra Gilmore, Skylarr Hussey, Jazmyn Jones, Courtney Jordan, Kaylynn La-Bean, Kristin Lawson, Brittany Little, Daniel Lucaj, Danielle Lucaj, Chelsea McDiarmid, Ryan McLachlan, Chelsea McLaughlin, Kristina Mercier, Alysha Rec, Jennifer Russell, Jordyn Sherbrook, Michael Turner, Richard Walker, Desiree Watt.

Sixth Grade

Olivia Boler, Filmore Bouldes, Caleb Brown, Ashley Case, Brittany Charleston, Melissa Clay, Jamie Coleman, Brad Demoisey, Casey Gurner, Tiffany Hollis, Ashlee Hood, Kyle Huckestein, Nicole Joseph, Michael Lammers, Miya McDonald, James McGlynn, Cody Mortzfield, Candace Poet, Justin Poet, Rashae Pree, Joshua Puhl, Bilal Siddiqui, Breonn Stephens, Andreas Tatum, Julian Torres.

Merriman Elementary

HIGH HONORS

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Jessica Coatsworth, Tayneisha Eaton, Cierra Toliver.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Ryan Beesley.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Danielle Doyle.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Seth Urban.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Kasandra Coatsworth, Chance Dunigan, Zach Toilolo.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Kazam Sheikh, Ciara Turner, Tiffany Zanolli.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Emily Davis, Narjis Sheikh.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

Lindsey Cobb, Timothy Dalton, Melissa Griffith, Alise Whalen.

HONOR ROLL

First Grade – Mrs. Goulette

Timothy Booth, Anthony Godbott, Gerald Golden, Brianna Griffin, Andrew Gula, Deven Thompson.

First Grade – Ms. Knight

Taylor Cobb, Dominic Cole, Malaysia Hayes, Jeffrey Henderson, Jessica New, Rehman Sheikh, Shanya Sturdivant, Drew Wilkerson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Tyler Atkinson, Joshlyn Booth, Laura Corpe, Eric Lightsey, Mark Lowe, Shavontae Melchor, Jacob Segur, Nathan Wilkerson, Corey Wilson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Najea Brown, Jason Cooke-Thomason, Sarena Dillon, Grace Jendritz, Jennifer Lukas, Alisha Menser, Sadie Trammell, Jennifer Workman.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Olivia Madison, Lucas Molic, Erik Radford, Fatima Sheikh.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Rion Bell, Donnell Brewer, Kara Delay, Ryan Genigeski, Justice Givhan, Nantara Sheikh, Aaminah Siddiqui, Britton Williamson.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Courtney Blakeney, Cha'nelle Brewer, Victoria Chatmon, Shelby Cholette, Demetri Clanton, Corinthia Clayton, Brandon Condron, Aaron Dismuke, Ashley Linne, Ashley Strickland, Cody Szoztek, Robert Taylor, Derek Vartanian, Chris Washington.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Raquel Bovee, Steven Bray, Levan Card, Kelly DeFrank, Semaja Ford, Holly Henry, Scottie Snook, Trina Thomas.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Michael Archie, Roderick Barksdale, Jamie Brewer, Toni Cross, Jordan Farmer, Tiara Green, Megan Hammonds, Alyssa Hayes, Ashley Knick, Pierre Lee, Stephanie Mortzfield, Patrick Thompson.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

Stephon Archie, Jasmine Bass, Dylan Boyd, Kevin Brown, Raheem Brown, Carmelina Ghanem, Valdez Green, Donnell Jones, Christina Ottenbreit, Karlie Potts, Amanda Roehrich, Steven Strickland, Preciounea Thompson, Ashley Williams, Caresse Wilson.

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GOOD ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Ms. Ash

Tayuanna Eaton, Jasmine Harkins, Zachary Linne, Calvin Mallette, Travis Massey, Kathryn Roehrich, Bianca Tabb, Malik Yeamen.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Smith

Ashleigh Blair, Cody Howington, Victoria Lewis, Brooklyn Martinez, Amanda Segur.

First Grade – Mrs. Goulette

Timothy Booth, Kierstyn Burns, Diamond Bush, Angela Day, Malik Garriss, Anthony Godbott, Gerald Golden, Brianna Griffin, Andrew Gula, Tornecia Jones, Sarah Knick, Pavier Lee, Marcus Madison, William Melchor, Shala Thomas.

First Grade – Ms. Knight

Nickolas Bovitz, Marquita Gilliam, Jeffrey Henderson, Sheena Holmes, Jessica James, Michael Kerr, Brelyn Mecks, Kayla Menser, DeShawn Pickett, Rehman Sheikh, Shanya Sturdivant, Keyshawn Pope, Malaysia Hayes.

Second Grade – Ms. Prisco

India Best, Gwendolyn Block, Amon-te Clayton, Taywon Eaton, Cody Foster, India Graham, Ivonne Lewis, Alexis McGraw, Rebecca Nowicki, David Strickland, Anthony Williams, Caniya Wilson.

Second Grade – Mrs. Terwilliger

Jason Card-Westley, Jordan Geni-

geski, Janette Gula, David Harrington, Savannah Henry, Tikia Houston, Dominic Pena, Ahsley Robinson, Rabia Sheikh, Brandi Smith, Kyle Stevens, Mercedes Williams.

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Amber Bussell, Jessica Coatsworth, Cody Harris, Angela Langston, Eric Lightsey, Mark Lowe, Shavontae Melchor, Jasmine Mouzon, Nicholas Shotwell, Cierra Toliver, Nathan Wilkerson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

TréShun Bell, Amy Best, Gabrielle Bradley, Najea Brown, Corey Davis, Sarena Dillon, Jalen James, Grace Jendritz, Alec Madison, Alisha Menser, Rayven Rodgers, DeWantez Rush, Alexis Siemaszko, Jennifer Workman.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Amille Black, Karen Cline, Richie Denny, Danielle Doyle, Brittany Farmer, Taylor Hardoin, Brandon Harris, Olivia Madison, Lucas Molic, Maurice Murphy, Cameron Reaves, Fatima Sheikh, Veonica Trammell, Steven Trent, Ishaya Vanover, Dominique Walker.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Donnell Brewer, Deonta Delaney, Kara Delay, Chelsea Foster, Ryan Genigeski, Michael Harrington, Shardae Heard, Alesha Howington, Breonna Kelly, Diamyn Martin, Elisha McRoy, Devonte Nelson, Nantara Sheikh, Aaminah Siddiqui, Britton Williamson.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Nate Bolduc, Cha'nelle Brewer, Victoria Chatmon, Brandon Condron, James Fox, Shainaya Heard, Holly Henry, Mary Kelly, Mozella Lamb, Josh Martinez, Ashley Strickland, Robert Taylor, Ciara Turner, Joshua Williams-Banks.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Levan Card, Kelly DeFrank, Jonathan Harris, Damion Hunter, Shakiah Ready, Kazam Sheikh, Chanel Smith, Scottie Snook, Trina Thomas, Henry Young.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Roderick Barksdale, Toni Cross, Emily Davis, Jordan Farmer, TiShaun Jackson, Ashley Knick, Armintha Nelson, Narjus Sheikh.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

Jasmine Bass, Kevin Brown, Raheem Brown, Timothy Dalton, Valdez Green, Darien Mecks, Amanda Roehrich, Alise Whalen, Ashley Williams.

Romulus Elementary

ALL A's

Sixth Grade

Gray Nemeth.

HIGH HONORS

Fourth Grade

Keli Boyd, Victoria Johnson.

Fifth Grade

Karli Gibson, Cassie Rice.

Sixth Grade

Kareem Seifuddin, Sam Wells, Mari-ah Zockheem.

HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade

James Boler, Brittany Francis, Da'Jon Frazier, Brittani Lincoln, Candace Reid, DiOntae Shipp, Victoria Taylor, Andrianna Williams.

Fifth Grade

Brittney Blackburn, Ajah Brown, Jonathan Carr, Pamie Fortson, Erica Keller, Ashley Linnert, Zachary Nastal, Nathan Rice, Cherra Ross, Geridan St. Peter, Michael Vines, Amber White.

Sixth Grade

Jasmine Calloway, Christina Gillespie, Melanie Heins, Chris Kreitner, Randall Norfleet, Dominique Ross, Nigerra Simpson, Amanda Zavitz.

Mrs. Watkins

Dawone Allison, Chanel Anderson, Alex Carey, Don Davis, Gary Hemmingway, Dane Snowball.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten

Larissa Bailey, Tiger Broadnax, Alexis Burrell, Cedric Cox, Robert Craig, Jabron Daniel, Karnell Dorris, Brandon Hicks, Darius Jackson, Eliathan Jones, Coree Kidd, Jacob Kopenhafer, Dakota Kozik, Jonathan Perry, Carl Pierce, Christopher Skelton, Joseph Sperry, Megan Streetman, Jason Wise.

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First Grade

Rebecca Ayers, Ashleigh Kendrick, Cydnee Kidd, Stacy Kuczynski, Jessie McAnally, Roderick Peterson, Joslyn Priddy, Sueann Renshaw, Mark Skelton, Christopher Vines, Dustin Ward.

Second Grade

Porscha Brantley, Jaylin Gregory, Joseph Kozik, Angela Lamar, Thomas Landry, Kayla MacDougall, Kayla Patterson, Rachel Soard, Zachery Sperry, Destiny Terry.

Third Grade

Chance Armstrong, Anthony Fortson, Michael Garrett, Amanda Linnert, Kevin Makela.

Fourth Grade

Cali Burks, Felissia Brown, Alexandria Harrington, Bryant Hicks, Julian Johnson, Jessica Jones, Jamar Love, Ta'Mar Reynolds, Dana Robinson, DeOntae Russell, Damisha Spann, Adrian Williams.

Fifth Grade

Ajah Brown, Danielle Cox, Jeremy Cunningham, Demarcus Curry, Antonette Hemphill, Julie Kopenhafer, Brandon LaPrise, Ashley Linnert, Richard Makela, Keoni Mundy, Cherra Ross, Geridan St. Peter, Scott Terry, Richard Vaughn, Michael Vines, Dominique Wallace.

Sixth Grade

Avonte Burrell, Jazmine Calloway,

Tanikka Coleman, Brianna Courtland, Jessica Cronk, Andre Cuevas, Johnathan Green, Jordan Harris, DeVarus Head, Melanie Heins, Katilyn Jorgensen, Mark Landry, Aaron Marion, Felicia Martin, Ondre Mathews, Randall Norfleet, Michelle Rhodes, Bridget Sands, Alvita Shack, Nigerria Simpson, Martel Smith, Megan Watson, Sam Wells, Amanda Zavitz, Mariah Zockheem.

Mrs. Watkins

Alexander Carey, Don Davis, Gary Hemmingway, David Kelly, Dane Snowball.

Wick Elementary

ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Aaron Hicks.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Cierra Gasser, Desiree Kassa, Jerry McCray, Jonathan Proctor.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Dylan Dotson, Bryan Moore, Carman Plank, Jeffrey Robertson, Bre'Ana West.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Haleigh Baval, Amanda Richards, Chelsea Roper, Robert Snyder.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Brienna Boyd, Diamond Chandler, Anthony James, Eric Wands.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Jason Moore, Ashley Wagler.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Byron Paisley.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Clifton Boddie, Erik Brantley, Clintez Draines-Harris, Aaliyah Eatmon, Ashley Herron, Ronald Jackson, Olivia Mattox, William McGinnis, Bryan Moore, Jaylen Morgan, Laylan Robb, Winter Turner.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Latrice Hicks, Kyah Riley, Joshua Shellman, Earl Smith.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Renisha Chandler, Kaci Hall, Michael Howell, Domonique Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Kadajah Jones, Jonathan Ketzner, Shealyn Melville, Antonique Mosely, Kyle Watkins, Shelby Woolford.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Loren Adams, Robert Blanton, Christina Carey, Junaé Harville, Michael Legion, Raven Parnell, Erica Ross, Nicholas Tripp, Amanda Wagler, Stephanie Watley, Jazmine Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Natalie Brown, Talen Brown, Benjamin Camilleri, Richard Evanski, Marcus Montgomery.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Holly Atchley, Javonte Belcher, Beatrice Boyd, DeAndray Buckley, Elea'ele Buford, Dominique Carroll, LeAnne Dawson, Steven Destrampe, Tia Evans, Erica

Hulet, Antonio James, Taylor Johnson, Stuart Nairemore, Alec Staten.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Neko Barker, Zachary Beregsasy, Sharelle Dyess, Martel Ellis, Sheldon Gage, Seth Gasser, Briyanna Hall, Alexander Hicks-Gregory, Ashley Jensen, Ayonna Lawrence, Samantha Marcum, Nikko Sisler.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Jasmine Abney, Chris Campbell-Fultz, Tina Carter, Anisha Edridge, Travis Griffin, Tamica Mosley, Mikayla Pastor.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Levi Adams, Krystal Burrell, Dorian Lewis, Edwin Lewis, Latrice Parnell, Rashad Smith, Jon Swagerty, Makayla Williams.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Coryea

Caron Davis, Caitlin Dorsey.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Wood

Shaniora Buford, Mickayla Lytle, Maurica Mathews, Devin Osborne, Jayla Williams, Karra Yeramian.

First Grade – Miss Forth

Tyron Hamby, Rachel Leonard.

First Grade – Mrs. Otis

Jerrod Horton, Milo Pasley, Serena Seymour, Brenna Wade, Tiara Webb.

Second Grade – Mrs. Markavich

Levi Eddings, Dwayne Lately, Kyle Williams.

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Flu Shots

Area Kroger stores will be offering free flu shots to Medicare A&B subscribers on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (7000 Monroe in Taylor);
- Monday, November 18, 12 to 3 p.m. (5866 Middlebelt in Garden City);
- Monday, November 18, 4 to 7 p.m. (36111 E. Michigan Ave. in Wayne);
- Wednesday, November 20, 4 to 7 p.m. (36430 Ford Rd. in Westland);
- Friday, November 22, 3 to 7 p.m. (13333 Eureka Rd. in Southgate).

For more information, see Kroger's Website: www.kroger.influenza.com.

November Luncheon

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to take part in a Native American Thanksgiving celebration on Friday, November 22, beginning at 1 p.m. The event will feature Native American storytelling and an opportunity to purchase authentic items from a Native American trader, as well as a traditional meal of roast turkey legs, dressing, corn bread, squash soup, dessert, and beverage. Cost is just \$4 per person.

Holiday Gala

The Romulus Senior Center's annual holiday gala will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel of Romulus on Thursday, December 26, at 11 a.m. A cost of \$10.50 per person includes:

- a delicious lasagna luncheon,
- musical entertainment by The Internationals (a four-piece band) and D&R (a two-piece group),
- dancing,
- door prizes.

Holiday Shopping

To aid seniors with their holiday shopping, the Romulus Senior Center's van will be traveling to the following locations:

- Target – Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 a.m. (Note: December 3 is the store's "Senior Day" promotion, featuring specials, senior discounts, free gift-wrapping, refreshments, and much more. Center staff members strongly recommend making a list, as participants will have only two hours to shop.)

- Southland/Meijer – Monday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.
- Farmer Jack/Wal-Mart – Monday, December 16, 9:30 a.m.
- Kmart – Wednesday, December 18, 9:30 a.m.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Windsor Race Track/Casino** (December 10; \$5); and
- **Little River Casino** (December 31–January 1).

Free Oil Change

The Auto Lab students at Romulus High School are offering a complete oil change, free of charge, to the first 15 Romulus senior citizens who sign up for the service. Students will perform the service – which includes the greasing of all fittings, a new oil filter, a fluid check/top-off, an air-pressure check, and a complete under-car inspection – on Friday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Complimentary donuts and coffee will be served to customers while they wait.

Registration forms are available at the Romulus Senior Center. For more information, call the Center.

Club #1 Wants You!

The local senior group known as Club #1 meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Future meetings will include:

- November 19 (Thanksgiving dinner, Kmart);
- November 26 (bingo, pot luck);
- December 3 (meeting, birthdays, games);
- December 10 (meeting, bag lunch, games); and
- December 17 (holiday dinner "out").

New faces are always welcome.

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Center serves a hot lunch each weekday for \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. □

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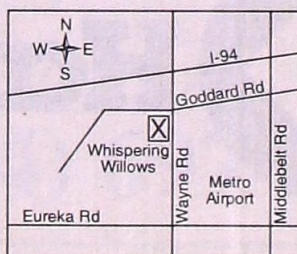
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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 28, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held at Romulus Elementary on Monday, October 28, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Billy McCraight.

Roll call showed Board members Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Frayer, Lenossi, and McCraight present. Member Buckley was excused. Administrators Carr, Dolan, and Clark were present. Administrator Routhier was excused.

President McCraight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

10/02/1 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

10/02/2 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval. EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Toby Parker, A.M./P.M. Kindergarten Aide, Romulus Elementary, Effective October 21, 2002; and Marlo Walker, All-day Kindergarten Aide, Romulus Elementary, Effective November 4, 2002.

Bills for Payment

10/02/3 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Update

Mr. Kevin Waldeman appeared before the Board with an overview of construction progress. The Health Department has issued full approval for swimming pool use. The project is moving into the closeout and punch-list phase. Elementary walking tracks have been surveyed and staked. Burton Center has received all new windows, skylights, and entrance doors. Also, new landscaping has been provided around the building. The Middle School tennis court replacement project started. The storage building layout has begun.

Presentation – Technology – Linda Cook, Chris Smith, and Diane Golka

Ms. Linda Cook, Mr. Chris Smith, and Ms. Diane Golka appeared before the Board of Education with regard to technology, Zangle, K-12, keeping of attendance and grades, Compass Learning, and goals for technology for the upcoming years. The district is anticipating that parents will be able to go on-line and retrieve student grades. Students will be taking assessment tests on-line.

Foster Grandparent Program

10/02/4 Moved by Lenossi supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education approve the attached 2003-2005 Memorandum of Understanding relative to the Foster Grandparents Program. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Declaration of Surplus Furniture

10/02/5 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Woods that the Board of Education declare 100 (ea.) desks and chairs surplus and that they be disposed of at the City Auction if possible. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Schedule Study Session – Finances

The Board of Education scheduled a study session for November 12, 2002, at 6 P.M.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Dick addressed the Board of Education relative to the cancellation of after-school tutoring. Mr. Hensley addressed the Board of Education relative to after-school tutoring and stated that he had signed up for his seventh-grade son to receive after-school assistance. Mr. LaPorte expressed concern about some of the flyers that have gone home from churches. Mrs. Golka, Principal at Barth Elementary, has handled the situation with students who were distributing flyers.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) NSBA National Affiliate Update; (2) Letters from Barth Elementary Students; and (3) State Board Converges on Education YES!

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Michael Woods addressed concerns about proper training of all pool staff. Mrs. April Frayer asked about consideration of letter grades for elementary students at lower grade levels. Also, Mrs. Frayer questioned why Board meetings would be on tape delay. Mrs. Linda Cook, Technology Director, replied that there was no fiber link to Comcast. Mrs. Celeste Roscoe asked that the administration look into the possibility of goggles for swimming, even at a cost to students. Mrs. Roscoe was concerned about 12th-grade School of Choice. She also expressed concerns about tutoring and the fact that letters had gone home to parents about after-school tutoring. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz expressed concerns about graffiti around buildings and viaducts, and principals being diligent in removal of graffiti and punishment. Mr. Mientkiewicz also questioned the procedures and policies for fights on buses. Mr. Mientkiewicz and Mrs. Betty Lenossi made mention of the nice letters received from Barth Elementary students thanking the Board for windows in their building. Mr. Billy McCraight presented a letter of resignation from the Board effective January 10, 2003. He further commented positively on every other Board meeting being held at schools throughout the district, as recommended by Mr. Michael Woods.

ADJOURNMENT:

10/02/6 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Lenossi, Acting Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Joseph D. Burnette

Joseph D. Burnette of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2002, at the age of 47.

The native of Ypsilanti, Michigan, was born on March 28, 1955.

Joseph is survived by two brothers, Andrew (Wayne, MI) and Michael Bledsoe (Inkster, MI); two sisters, Shar'on Geleide (AZ) and Mrs. Elliott (Andrea)

Crews (Newport, MI); two nieces and nephews; and friend Terry Stamper.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Robert White (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI) officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Service (Ypsilanti).

Mary Lee Byrd

Mary Lee Byrd of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2002, at the age of 73.

The native of East Bernstadt, Kentucky, was born on March 11, 1929.

Mary is survived by her husband, Oliver A. Byrd; two daughters, Mrs. David (Sylvia J.) Shahan and Mrs. James (Cheryl A.) Beck (both of Ann Arbor, MI); three sisters, Mrs. Zelma Payne (Windchester, KY), Mrs. William (Aretta) Sears

(Coalgood, KY), and Mrs. John (Rose) Gibbons (Lexington, KY); four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing her were four brothers.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend John Vaprezzan (Metro Baptist Church, Belleville) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. □

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Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

William McGinnis, Samantha Modrzyński, Bryan Moore, Jaylen Morgan.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Elexus Lee, Jonathan Proctor, Earl Smith, Marquis Thomason.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Renisha Chandler, Kaci Hall, Michael Howell, Shealyn Melville, Carman Plank, Jeffrey Robertson, Todd Wade, Shelby Woolford.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Robert Ames, Brandon Brown, Christina Carey, Diamond Dortch, Junaé Harville, Amanda Richards, Erica Ross, Nicholas Tripp, Amanda Wagle, Stephanie Watley.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Demetrius Anderson, Brieanna Boyd, Natalia Brown, Mattarius Buford, Diamond Chandler, Devon Jacquay, Jaianna Powers, Kaela Williams.

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Jasmine Abney, Tina Carter, Keyera Horne, Vincent Hoskins, Hailey Mangrum, Tamica Mosley, Byron Paisley, Kiarra Sandefur, Asia Shareef.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Richard

DeAndre Brewer, Brad Burcroff, Krystal Burrell, Kiera Crawford, Daniel Davis, Devereaux Irving, Kyara Lee, Dorian Lewis, Thomas Maxwell, Ronald McCray, Raven Robertson, Ashley Williams, Makayla Williams. □



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